

## A New Strategy

*The U.S. Coast Guard Strategy for Maritime Safety, Security, and Stewardship* describes how the Coast Guard will work to safeguard the nation against all threats, hazards, and challenges in the maritime domain, today and in the future.



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# Strategic Priorities for the U.S. Coast Guard

This *Strategy* identifies six cross-cutting priorities for improving the nation's preparedness and advancing U.S. maritime interests in maritime safety, security, and stewardship:

## ***Strengthening regimes for the U.S. maritime domain:***

The nation needs a set of coordinated and interlocking domestic and international regimes that increase transparency of activity, reduce risk, and balance competing uses within the maritime domain.

## ***Achieving Awareness in the Maritime Domain:***

The nation needs a greater awareness and effective understanding of maritime activity.

## ***Enhancing unity of effort in maritime planning and operations:***

The nation must better integrate its operational capabilities and efforts across government and with private sector partners.

## ***Integrating Coast Guard capabilities for national defense:***

The nation needs both U.S. Navy and Coast Guard capabilities along its own coasts, on the high seas, and deployed abroad in support of U.S. national security interests.

## ***Developing a national capacity for Marine Transportation System recovery:***

The nation needs a coordinated, integrated approach to planning for and responding to major disruptions in the MTS.

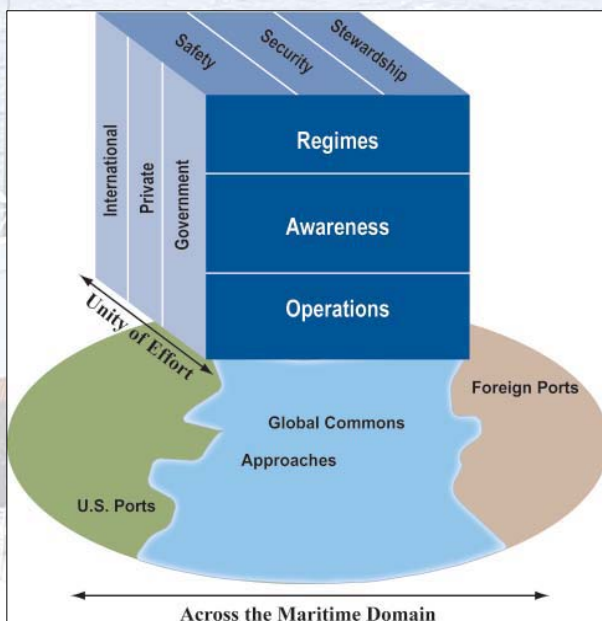
## ***Focusing international engagement on improving maritime governance:***

The nation benefits from strong maritime relationships and capacities around the world because today's global maritime system ties U.S. interests and welfare to the effective maritime governance of all nations and the global commons.



## A Systems Approach to Maritime Governance

This *Strategy* builds on a 60-year, post-World War II effort to more effectively and efficiently execute Coast Guard missions. To prepare for evolving challenges and threats, however, the Coast Guard must think and act anew to safeguard the nation's **safety, security, and stewardship** interests into the future. Past efforts and current initiatives are best understood when viewed as parts of a larger interlocking system of governance comprised of *maritime regimes, domain awareness, and operational capabilities*.



**Regimes** are the system of “rules” that shape acceptable activity. **Domain awareness** allows for the detection and monitoring of activities using situational awareness and intelligence. Together, regimes and awareness inform decision makers and trigger national action when necessary. **Operational capabilities** allow authorities to deter, respond to, verify, and counter threats. These activities require participation from **federal, state, local, private, and international partners** and demand unity of effort. They must also be global in scope and built upon a foundation of international cooperation. This systems approach will allow the maritime community to meet current and emerging challenges and threats.

This *Strategy* can be accessed and downloaded from the U.S. Coast Guard Internet Home Page in the Commandant's Corner ([www.uscg.mil/comdt](http://www.uscg.mil/comdt)).



# America's Coast Guard

**Maritime safety, security, and stewardship** are enduring roles of the Coast Guard. These roles reflect long-standing responsibilities, assigned to the Coast Guard over two centuries of service because they are traditionally governmental, have an essential federal component, and are interrelated such that they can best be accomplished by a single **military, multi-mission, maritime** force.

## Our Vision

“All Threats...All Hazards...Always Ready.”

## Our Core Values

Honor, Respect, Devotion to Duty

## Our Motto

*Semper Paratus*

## On an Average Day, the U.S. Coast Guard:

- Saves 15 lives
- Assists 114 people in distress
- Protects \$4.9 million in property
- Conducts 82 search and rescue cases
- Interdicts 26 illegal migrants at sea
- Seizes \$12.4 million worth of illegal drugs
- Conducts 122 security boardings
- Conducts 202 law enforcement boardings
- Guides 2,557 ships in and out of port